

## Confirmations.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

#### VOLUSIA COUNTY.

District No. 1—W. C. Cannon.  
 District No. 2—Frank E. Bond.  
 District No. 3—William McBride.  
 District No. 4—Thomas L. Rodgers.  
 District No. 5—Thomas J. Murray.

#### ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

District No. 1—J. M. Hilliard.  
 District No. 2—M. O'Leary.  
 District No. 3—J. E. Williams.  
 District No. 4—Frank Johnson.  
 District No. 5—T. J. Fillingin.

William B. Henderson, Tampa, Florida; James P. Taliaferro, Jacksonville, Florida; Horace L. Simpson, Pensacola, Florida, to be members of the State Board of Health.

H. C. Steele, to be member of the City Council of Port Tampa City, vice D. D. Fitzgerald, declined to serve.

SATURDAY, May 29, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Williams—24.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

## Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Adams:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 292:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

A message was received from the Governor.

## Reports of Committees.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 290:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the records and other papers of Sumter county where the old county seal was used in the absence of the county judge's seal.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 290, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

## Senate Bill No. 215:

A bill to be entitled an act to limit and define the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and County Judges.

Also,

## House Bill No. 212:

A bill to be entitled act to regulate actions by and against unincorporated associations.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and respectfully recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 215 and House Bill No. 212, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

## Senate Bill No. 150:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend chapter 4045 of the Laws of Florida, approved June 2d, 1891, relating to the protection of the interests of farmers, planters and others against trespass.

Also,

## Senate Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act to annex the west half of townships four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7) and eight (8) south of range twenty-three (23) east, of Bradford county, said lands now being a part of Clay county.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills

And Senate Bills Nos. 150 and 247, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 44:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for State boards of medical examiners, and to prescribe their qualifications, duties and powers.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,  
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 44, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897.

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to legalize and make valid the town of Tarpan Springs, and the acts done by said town and for other purposes.

Also,

An act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for water works and a system of sewerage.

Also,

Joint Resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to use their efforts towards securing an appropriation for deepening the harbor of Boca Grande, Lee county, Florida.

Also,

Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking

an appropriation of \$10,000 for the improvement of the Kissimmee river, and lakes and canals tributary thereto.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation for opening two inlets into Indian river.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the acts contained in the above report were referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to legalize and make valid the town of Tarpon Springs, and the acts done by said town; and for other purposes.

Also,

An act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for water works and a system of sewerage.

Also,

Joint Resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, to use their efforts towards securing an appropriation deepening the harbor of Boca Grande in Lee county, Florida.

Also,

Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for an appropriation of \$10,000 for improving the Kissimmee river, lakes and canals tributary thereto.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for the opening two inlets into Indian river.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-

tives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

## Enrolled.

The President pro tempore announced that he was about to sign—

An act to legalize and make valid the town of Tarpon Springs, and the acts done by said town, and for other purposes.

Also,

An act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for water works and a system of sewerage.

Also,

Joint Resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to use their efforts towards securing an appropriation deepening the harbor of Boca Grande, Lee county, Florida.

Also,

Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the improvement of Kissimmee river, and lakes and canals tributary thereto.

Also,

Memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for opening two inlets into Indian river.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President pro tempore and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA, May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to legalize and make valid the town of Tarpon

Springs, and the acts done by said town, and for other purposes.

And,

An act to authorize the city of Palatka to borrow money by issuing bonds for water works and a system of sewerage.

And,

Joint Resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State to use their efforts towards securing an appropriation deepening the harbor of Boca Grande, Lee county, Florida.

And,

Memorial to the Congress of the United States asking an appropriation of \$10,000 for the improvement of the Kissimmee river and lakes and canals tributary thereto.

And,

Memorial to Congress asking an appropriation for opening two inlets into Indian river.

Beg leave to report that the same have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

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Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city, and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.



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The President pro tempore announced that he was about to sign—

An act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city, and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the city of St. Augustine, in the State of Florida, and to provide for the organization and conducting of the municipal government of said city and prescribing the powers and functions of said municipality.

Beg leave to report that the same have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 181 be taken up and considered;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing and regulating the time for holding the terms of the Circuit Court, in and for the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick,

Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts and Thomas—22.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 181 passed, title as stated.

The following communication from the Governor was ordered spread on the Journal:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
TALLAHASSEE, May 28, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have to-day signed the following which originated in that body, to-wit:

An act relating to fire insurance policies, prescribing a rule of evidence and measure of damage in case of loss.

And have filed same with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXAM,  
Governor of Florida.

Also the following:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 29, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have to-day signed the following which originated in that body, to-wit:

An act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in the waters of the State of Florida.

And,

An act to punish the improper exhibition of dangerous weapons.

And,

An act in relation to the giving of bonds in judicial proceedings.

And have filed the same with the Secretary of State.

Respectfully,

W. D. BLOXHAM,  
Governor.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of bills on third reading; Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

### Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Daniels moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to call up Senate Bill No. 278 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing merchants who are not registered pharmacists to sell certain drugs and medicines,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts and Thomas—22.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 278 passed, title as stated.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

### Special Order.

The hour of 10:30 o'clock having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 148:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4177 of the Laws of Florida, entitled an act concerning County Boards of Health, and to provide for the disposition of funds and effects in possession of County Boards of Health, approved May 25, 1893;

Which was taken up and read the third time in full.

Mr. Chipley moved that the further consideration of Senate Bill No. 148 be postponed, and that it be made a special order for 10:30 o'clock Monday, May 31, 1897;

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Hartridge introduced:

Senate Bill No. 293:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for good roads and

highways and to create superintendents thereof, and to prescribe their powers and duties;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

### Special Order.

At 12:55 o'clock—

Senate Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida for the nomination of delegates to political conventions, or of candidates.

Was taken up, consideration of the same having been deferred until the previous special order was disposed of.

Pending consideration of which—

Mr. Hartridge, moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 3:30 this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 o'clock.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Broome, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Thomas and Williams—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up House messages;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading, but that the bills therein be read the first time by title and referred;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.